

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Madam/Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated September 11, 2009, concerning the above-referenced patent application. The Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a two-month extension of time to make the submission of this reply timely.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3.

**Remarks** begin on page 5.

Please amend the application as follows: